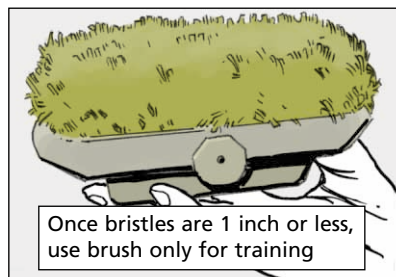


Keep It



Kee your M13 decon pumped up for chemical emergencies, NBC NCOs. Here's how:

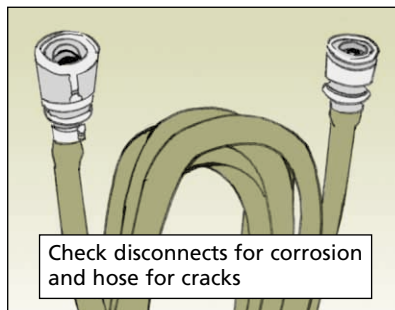
Don't use the good stuff for training. Once the brush's bristles are worn to 1 inch or less or are no longer straight and hard, the brush won't do the scrubbing job deconning needs. But don't pitch it. It makes a great brush for training.



Also for training, use the practice decon apparatus (DAP), NSN 4230-01-345-5172.

Remember, when the trainer is filled, it weighs 54 pounds. One hard fall can split it. Operators should use two hands to carry the trainer and should get help lifting it on and off trucks.

Fight corrosion. Corrosion often forms in the quick-disconnects and if left untreated can lead to leaks. Wipe corrosion out with steel wool or a battery terminal brush. Check the quick-disconnects at least quarterly for corrosion.

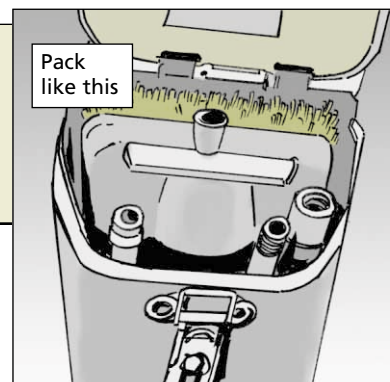


Pumpin'



Catch hose cracks. The hose can crack in cold weather. A cracked hose will leak in the field, which is bad if you're using DS2. DS2 ruins the protection of chemical protective gear. So, check the hoses quarterly for cracks and replace cracked hoses.

Pack 'em right. Make sure operators know that if they don't pack the M13 like it shows on the storage compartment lid they will damage the brush. They also need to put the hose shut-off valve straight up for storage or it will be snapped off.



Turn in M43 (Type I) Masks



When your Apache unit gets the new M45 protective aircraft masks, turn in your old M43 (Type I) masks ASAP. The Army needs them for other aviation units. Send all M43s to:

Pine Bluff Arsenal
Depot Operation Field Service Stock
Non-ammo (ATTN: Terry Brodnax)
53 990 507th St
Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500

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